GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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PROCUREMENT TARGET
ALE NARENDRA

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments particularly Andhra Pradesh have requested the UnionGovernment to increase the rice procurement target of Food Corporation of India in the States from the current 50% to 75%;

(b) if so, the details in this regard, State-wise; and

(c) the response of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SU MAHARIA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested for an increase in the percentage of levyrice from the existing 50% to 75%. The State Government of Punjab had requested for an increase from 75% to 100%.

(c): The proposal of the State Governments have been examined in the Ministry.In view of the drought condition in the State of Andhra Pradesh, the State Government has been permitted an adhoc increase of 3 lakh tonnes of levy rice during the current Kharif Marketing Season 2002-03, beyond the existing 50% levy percentage.

The proposal of the State Government of Punjab has not been agreed to in view of theadequate availability of stocks of rice with the Central Pool.